

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, the Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, during the telephone interview conducted on January 6, 2010.

The participants were Examiner Shah and David Ward, Reg. No. 45198.

Prior to the interview, Applicant's representative provided to the Examiner proposed claim amendments (which were the same as those set forth above) for overcoming the objections applied to claims 43, 48, 55, and 56 and the 35 USC 101 rejections applied to claims 43-54. During the interview, the examiner agreed that the proposed claim amendments would overcome the claim objections and 35 USC 101 rejections.

As noted, claims 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 51, 55, and 56 have been amended in the manner proposed to the examiner during the telephone interview. Therefore, allowance of claims 43-54 is considered to be warranted. In addition, it is noted that claims 55 and 56 stand allowed as indicated in the pending office action.

The title has been amended in the manner suggested in the Final Rejection for overcoming the objection thereto.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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